

REGIONAL WIRELESS COOPERATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
	<b>No. O-07.11</b>
<b>Subject:</b>  <b>Member-Specific Talkgroup Usage Procedure</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>  <b>5/11/11</b>  <b>Rev: 08/10/2017</b>

### 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. Define a procedure to authorize usage of a Member-specific talkgroup(s) by non-Member agencies.

### 2.0 Owner

- 2.1. Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Operations Working Group (OWG)

### 3.0 Applies To

- 3.1. All members, interoperability participants, and entities otherwise having subscribers using the operational capabilities of the RWC.

### 4.0 Background

- 4.1. The number of RWC talkgroups impacts all Members.
- 4.2. The RWC recognizes that there are three potential categories for requests:
  - 4.2.1. Entity-to-entity
  - 4.2.2. Taskforce specific
  - 4.2.3. Entity access to talkgroups from multiple Members

### 5.0 Policy Statement

- 5.1. Talkgroups and other resources that may be affected by non-Member usage is the responsibility of the OWG.
- 5.2. Any entity requesting access to a Member-specific talkgroup(s) must also include non-encrypted interoperability talkgroups.

## **6.0 Supporting Rules**

- 6.1. Entities requesting a Member-specific talkgroup(s) must be in or must apply for one of the RWC membership categories.
- 6.2. Programming of subscriber units with a Member-specific talkgroup(s) must be approved by the Member with notice given to the OWG.
- 6.3. The OWG will consider the overall effect on the system.
- 6.4. RWC costs incurred beyond standard interoperability offerings will be the responsibility of the participant.
- 6.5. Members requesting to manually load encryption keys into subscriber units must have key-owner approval.
  - 6.5.1. Requests will be evaluated as an exception to the standard approval process (e.g.: technical or situational).
  - 6.5.2. Members are responsible for tracking subscriber units with manually loaded keys.

## **7.0 Responsibilities**

- 7.1. Requests for a Member-specific talkgroup(s) will follow the procedure defined in the policy for the applicable user classification.

## **8.0 Conditions for Exemption or Waiver**

- 8.1. As provided in the Waiver or Exception Policy.

## **9.0 Applicable Policies and/or Procedures**

- 9.1. As listed at [www.rwcaz.org](http://www.rwcaz.org)